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Ilminster,  
3rd. October, 1946.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ending 31st. December, 1945.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present a short report of the Sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1945.

Social Conditions.

In this year again there was practically no unemployment and the various industries of the area continued to absorb all available labour.

Vital Statistics.

	<u>Live Births.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	23	22
Legitimate.	23	22
Illegitimate.	-	-

	<u>Still Births.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	-	1
Legitimate.	-	1
Illegitimate.	-	-

Deaths of Infants under One year of age - NIL.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases other than Tuberculosis.

There is little unusual to report, there were a number of cases of Scarlet Fever chiefly of a mild type; one case of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis and one of Pneumococcal Meningitis, both of which were admitted to the South Somerset Isolation Hospital and both though severe cases recovered. There were no cases of Diphtheria.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	11	3	-
Measles.	10	-	-
Whooping Cough.	1	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	1	1	-
Dysentery Sonni.	1	1	-
Pneumonia.	3	1	1
Pneumococcal Meningitis.	1	1	-
Erysipilas.	1	-	-

Tuberculosis.

	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Respiratory.	2	3
Non Respiratory.	-	1



### Scabies.

Cases of Scabies were not numerous during 1945. Treatment of women and children was carried out at Chaffcombe Sick Bay until its closure.

### Deaths.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	14	19
<u>Causes of Death.</u>		
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	3	-
Non Respiratory Tuberculosis.	-	1
Cancer.	3	5
Diabetis.	1	-
Intercranial Vascular Lesions.	-	3
Heart Disease.	5	6
Bronchitis.	1	2
Pneumonia.	-	1
All Other Cases.	1	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>

### Water Supplies.

The supply was sufficient for the needs of the area. The chlorination plant worked efficiently and bacteriological reports on the chlorinated supply were satisfactory. There were no extensions of the supply other than to the Housing Site.

### Sewage Disposal.

A new 9" Soil Sewer and a 12" Surface Water Sewer were laid in Butts Road serving the new Housing Site, length 103 yards.

### Post War Sewage Proposals.

Sewage Disposal Works estimated cost £5,000. A new 9" Sewer from Butts Road, North Street junction to the Triangle 300 yards approx. £1,000.

### Housing.

As elsewhere there is a definite housing shortage in the area. In addition there are a number of unfit houses which will necessitate action when the erection of sufficient new houses renders this practicable.

There are also some cases of overcrowding as must be expected under the existing circumstances.

The number of applicants for Council Houses at the end of 1945 was 154.

One house was erected during the year by private enterprise.

### Housing Programme.

Proposed new houses to be erected by Local Authority.

First year - 70. Second year - 70. Third year - 50.

The above programme will depend on the extent of Slum clearance allowed.

Milk Supply.

(a)	Total number of Registered Dairy Farms.	8
(b)	Total number of Retailers.	8
(c)	Total number of Producer Retailers included in (b)	8
(d)	Total number of Licensed Pasteurising plants.	1

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Home Nursing, Hospital and Ambulance facilities remain as before and worked efficiently.

I remain Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,  
Yours faithfully,  
G.C.Court. M.B. Ch.B. D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health,  
Ilminster Urban District.